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Thursday, Dec. 21st.—No. 2 Company, Band and Orchestra.

Friday, Dec. 22nd.—Nos. 1 and 2 Platoons and Water Police.

Wednesday, Dec. 27th.—No. 3 Company, Buglers and Drummers.

Thursday, Dec. 28th.—No. 4 Company, Ambulance Platoon, Mounted Police, Maxim Gunners and Motor Patrols.

Only Company, Platoon, and Section Commanders and Warning Officers will be required to attend. They will attend at 5.30 p.m. sharp and in uniform, and be prepared to explain any non-performance of duty by members of their respective units.

Circular letters are being issued to all concerned.

DEFAULTERS DRILL.

Members awarded D.D. will parade at Central Station at 4.30 p.m. on Saturday next, December 16th. Uniform, Helmets, and Rifles. Staff Inspector Clarke will take charge.

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Sinking Fund Account	128,230
	£23,970,367
Revenue Fire Branch	£2,331,456
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Revenue Marine Department	337,233
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TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

7.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m.	Every 15 minutes.
8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.	Every 10 minutes.
10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.	Every 15 minutes.
11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.	Every 15 minutes.
12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m.	Every 10 minutes.
1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m.	Every 15 minutes.
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m.	Every 10 minutes.
2.15 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.	Every 15 minutes.
5.00 p.m. to 8.10 p.m.	Every 10 minutes.

NIGHT CARS

8.50 p.m. and 9 p.m.; 9.30 p.m. to 11.00 p.m. every half hour.

11.00 p.m. to 11.45 p.m. every quarter of an hour.

SUNDAYS.

8.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.	Every 15 minutes.
10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.	Every 15 minutes.
11.30 a.m. to 12 Noon	Every 15 minutes.
12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m.	Every 10 minutes.
1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.	Every 15 minutes.
5.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.	Every 10 minutes.
6.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.	Every 15 minutes.
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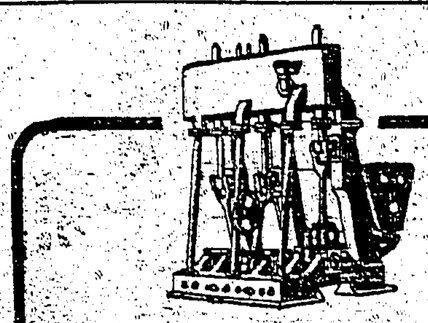
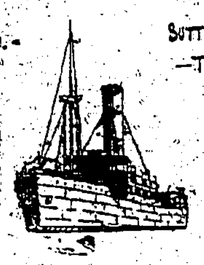
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Hongkong, April 1, 1912.

INTIMATIONS

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Green Island Cement Company Limited will be held at the Office of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., the General Managers of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, on FRIDAY the fifteenth day of December, 1916, at twelve o'clock noon for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing as Extraordinary Resolutions the following Resolutions, that is to say:—

(1) That the capital of the Company be reduced from $4,000,000 (Four million dollars) divided into 400,000 (Four hundred thousand) shares of $10 (Ten dollars) each, to $3,000,000 (Three million dollars) divided into 400,000 (Four hundred thousand) shares of $7.50 (Seven dollars and fifty cents) each, and that such reduction be effected by returning to the holders of the 400,000 (Four hundred thousand) shares that have been issued paid up capital to the extent of $2.50 (Two dollars and fifty cents) per share and by reducing the nominal amount of each of the said shares from $10 (Ten dollars) to $7.50 (Seven dollars and fifty cents).

(2) That application be made to the Supreme Court of Hongkong to confirm the reduction of the capital of the Company in conformity with the foregoing Resolution.

Should the above Resolutions be passed by the requisite majority, they will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions to a Second Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated this fifth day of December, 1916.

By Order of the Board,
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.
General Managers.

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SECOND 5½% RUSSIAN INTERNAL SHORT TERMED LOAN OF 1916 FOR ROUBLES 3,000,000,000

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16 MONTHS ON ICE-FLOES.

SHACKLETON'S MEN REACH LONDON.

HEROES ALL.

The members of the staff of the Weddell Sea party of Sir Ernest Shackleton's expedition arrived at Tilbury and reached London recently. They had travelled from South America by the Nelson liner Highland Laddie, on which vessel passages were generously given by the company. They were:—Mr Frank Wild (second in command), Mr J. Wordie (geologist), Mr L. Hussey (meteorologist), Mr R. Clark (biologist), Mr R. James (magnetician), Mr G. Marston (artist), Major T. Orde Lees (motor engineer and storekeeper), Drs A. Macklin and J. McIlroy (surgeons), Mr T Crean (third officer), W. Stephenson (fireman). Nine other members of the expedition are returning home from South America by a Government tug.

Sir Ernest Shackleton is on his way to Australia in connection with the relief of his men, who are marooned on the Ross Barrier through the breaking away of the Aurora, and it is hoped that he will sail south on that ship for the Ross Sea about the second week in December.

Mr Frank Wild gave Reuter's representative a remarkable account of the disaster to the Endurance, the 16 months' experience of the expedition on the ice floes of the Weddell sea, the terrible four months' sojourn on Elephant Island, and the final rescue, after three unsuccessful attempts by Sir Ernest Shackleton, at a moment when practically all their food was exhausted. All speak in the highest terms of their leader, but for whose bravery, enterprise, and determination the expedition would probably have ended in disaster.

WONDERFUL PHOTOGRAPHS.

"The scientific results of the expedition," said Mr Wild, "have been very considerable, although circumstances prevented us from carrying out the original programme of crossing the Continent. We have, too, secured the most wonderful Antarctic pictures that have ever been taken. We have some 8,000ft. of cinematograph film and hundreds of still negatives. Most of our misfortunes were recorded by Hurley, the cinematographer. The crushing of the Endurance, the abandoning of the ship, her final disappearance, our life on the Weddell Sea floes and in the ice hole at Elephant Island were all recorded by him. Hurley stuck to his job to the end, and even got the final scenes when Sir Ernest took us off the island.

Giving further details of the loss of their ship, Mr Wild said: "As early as August, 1915, the Endurance was badly nipped in the ice, and it was some four months later when she finally disappeared. She was a good ship, and was just slowly mangled. Nothing could be done to save her. There was simply a steady and relentless crushing, till finally the ice went through her from side to side.

STORES SAVED BY HARPOON.

"When it became evident that the condition of the Endurance was hopeless we got on the upper deck everything that was essential to save. Quantities of valuable stores were, however, in the compartment covered by several feet of ice and water. Sir Ernest, however, conceived the brilliant idea of cutting out a piece of the deck, and as the cases floated up to the higher level they were secured or speared by means of an improvised harpoon and dragged to the surface. By this means we secured some hundred cases, on which we lived for six months. Without them I doubt if we should have pulled through."

Mr Wild also narrated how Major Orde Lees, who was unarmed, was chased by a sea-leopard over the floes. Eventually the creature, which was over twelve feet long and weighed a ton, was shot by Mr Wild from another floe.

"The 750 miles trip to South Georgia in an open boat," continued Mr Wild, "is, in my opinion, the finest thing ever done. I didn't know until later how bad it had been. Sir Ernest and his six companions were soaking wet the whole of the 16 or 17 days; they had very little water, and when they landed on South Georgia all the men were so badly chafed that they could hardly move. And after that Sir Ernest, with Crean and Worsley, made a 36 hours' march over glaciers and mountain ridges, 5,000 feet high, to the whaling station.

RESCUE AT LUNCH TIME.

"In my diary I find I fixed August 25 as the approximate date for our relief. The actual day Sir Ernest took us off was the 30th. Of course, we had no idea that this was his fourth attempt. And it was the luckiest thing in the world that the Yelcho came when she did. Two days earlier she would not have got anywhere near us, and two days later would probably have been as bad, for the ice never cleared off for more than two or three days at a time.

"It had been arranged that a gun should be fired from the ship, but when the glaciers were 'calling' and chunks fell off with a report like a gun we grew to distrust these signals. As a matter of fact we saw the Yelcho before we heard any gun. It was an occasion one will not easily forget.

"We were just assembling for lunch to the call of 'Lunch O,' and I was serving out the soup, which was particularly good that day, consisting of boiled seals' backbone, limpets, and seaweed, when there was another hail from Marston of 'Ship O.' Some of the men thought it was 'Lunch O' over again, but when there was another yell from Marston lunch had no further attractions. The ship was about a mile and a half away, and steaming past us.

"A smoke signal was the agreed sign from the shore, and catching up somebody's coat that was lying about, I struck a pick into a tin of kerosene kept for the purpose, poured it over the coat, and set it alight. It flared instead of smoking, but that didn't matter, for the chief had already recognised the spot where he had left us, and the Yelcho was turning in.

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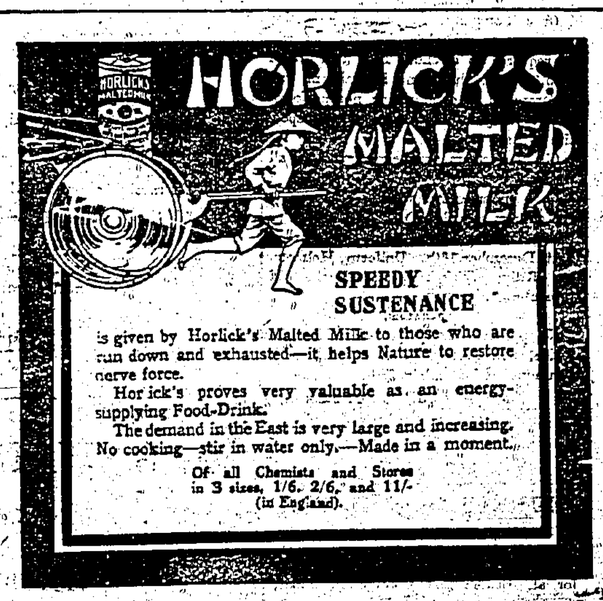
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THE IMPEACHMENT OF CHINA'S PREMIER.

[FROM THE "PEKING GAZETTE."]

We publish to-day a translation of the text of one of the four Bills of Impeachment against Premier Tuan Chi-jui, signed by seventy-five members of the House of Representatives and lodged for discussion in the House. We have to direct attention to the grave allegation accusing the Premier of having inspired the notorious Hunchow Conference. It is now well-known in responsible circles that the President is in possession of documentary evidence on the point.

"In the Provisional Constitution, it is clearly provided that—in assisting the President—the Premier shall be responsible for his own acts. At this time when the Republic is under restoration and when—as a result of Yuan Shih-kai's period of misrule during which law, discipline and administration were disregarded—everything is claiming our attention, it is of the first importance for the Premier to cleanse his heart and administer the government in sincerity and honesty to the end that old evil habits shall be wiped out and the spirit of Republicanism made manifest. Yet hardly anything has been done since the formation of the Cabinet under Premier Tuan Chi-jui. On the contrary the Premier has been practising lawlessness, treating the affairs of the State lightly, looking upon law as a 'scrap of paper,' and seeking only to satisfy his own egotism. Of all the offences that can be laid to his charge are six counts of violation of law and four counts of negligence of duty. His other faults and acts of misconduct are too numerous to be included in this indictment.

INCITEMENT OF THE MILITARY.

"Ever since the days of the usurper Yuan, the country has been honey-combed with arrogant officers and insubordinate soldiers. There is a fear that it will be difficult to keep these men under proper control in spite of all efforts to put them under discipline. Yet, Tuan Chi-jui—seeking to strengthen his own position by the aid of military force—inspired his Chief Secretary, Hsu Shu-cheng, to summon secretly a conference at Hsuchow. He wired to the civil and military high authorities of the provinces, asking them to send delegates to the said conference at Hsuchow, which, when convened, telegraphed to all parts of the country attacking Parliament, and opposing high officials appointed by the Government. By doing so, the said Conference openly violated the Provisional Constitution and rebelled against the Central Government. Premier Tuan Chi-jui has openly expressed his approval of such acts. . . . It is not difficult, therefore, to trace the source of the inspiration. When the President openly denounced the Conference by a mandate, Tuan Chi-jui was compelled to wire to the provincial authorities ostensibly for the purpose of persuading them to adopt a different attitude. This enraged the provincial authorities, because they thought they had been following the instructions of the Premier. They, therefore, wired to the Central Government (the President) all the details of the instructions given by Hsu Shu-cheng." The scene behind the curtain has since then been exposed to public view. For the leader of the members of the Cabinet, which is the highest administrative organ, to have so openly incited the troops to rebellion and insubordination, and for the person who should plan for the welfare of the country to commit high treason, what is left of the Administration and what is left of the State? This is the first act of violation of law by the present Cabinet.

LOANS WITHOUT PERMISSION.

"The Provisional Constitution also plainly states that Parliament has the right to decide on the conclusion of loan agreements which will increase the financial burdens of the State. Yet without consulting Parliament or asking the permission of the President but merely on the authority of the decision of a Cabinet meeting and the wish of the Ministries concerned, the Hsing-Ya loan agreement (the Asiatic Development Company loan)—in which the Ministries of Finance and Agriculture and Commerce are concerned—and the Telephone loan of the Ministry of Communications, were signed. In so doing the Cabinet has not only contemned Parliament but has also ignored the Chief Executive. When Parliament demanded an explanation, the Cabinet at first gave an ambiguous reply. Upon pressure, the Minister of Agriculture and Commerce confessed that he had made a mistake. In translating the text of the loan, and the Minister of Communications openly confessed that he had violated the law. Although the Ministers have openly confessed to Parliament their illegal acts, they have since still been lingering at their posts, reluctant to go. Where is the responsibility? Where is the sense of shame? In the 2nd year of the Republic Yuan took shelter behind the pretext that he had submitted the loan agreement of the Reorganisation loan to Parliament for approval despite the fact that the said loan was never confirmed. His half-hearted measure resulted in the second revolution. Now, even such a half-measure has been derided as by Premier Tuan. The arrogance of this [illegible] therefore far exceeds that [illegible] the second act of the [illegible] Cabinet [illegible] violated the [illegible] to Parliament all the laws and regulations promulgated after the suspension of Parliament in the 2nd year for confirmation, which is a necessary legal step, the Kuo Wu Yuan refused to comply with the request but replied in these words:—"As these laws have been enforced successfully, there is no need to submit the same to Parliament." By so doing the present Cabinet has posed itself as the protector of Yuan Shih-kai, despised Parliament and ignored the Provisional Constitution as if it never existed. This is the third act of violation of law by the present Cabinet.

EVASION OF FINANCIAL SUPERVISION.

"Again, the Provisional Constitution states that the budget and financial statement must be passed by Parliament, and that the term of the annual session of Parliament shall be four months. Now that the present session has already reached its end, neither the budget nor the financial statement have been submitted to Parliament. It is apparent that the intention of the Cabinet is to arrange matters so that the Government will continue to have complete freedom in collecting revenue and expending lavishly the same without the supervision of Parliament. Its aim is clearly to defeat the policy of a sound national finance and the provision of Parliamentary supervision. This is the fourth act of violation of law by the present Cabinet.

INTERPELLATION IGNORED.

"The right of interpellation is vested by the Provisional Constitution in Parliament. Interpellations made in accordance with the law of Parliament should therefore be promptly replied to within the time-limit set. Yet the present Cabinet has, in many cases of interpellation, adopted the practice of the Imperial regime by ignoring the same. If the Government really has good reasons for acts raised on interpellation, it should give them. What does the Kuo Wu Yuan think of the Provisional Constitution and the law of Parliament when it so deliberately ignores them? This is the fifth count against the present Cabinet for the violation of the law.

ATTEMPT TO CRIPPLE PARLIAMENT.

"According to the organisation law of Parliament, one-third of the members of the Senate should be renewed every two years. The bi-annual election falls due after the expiry of the regular session of this year. The Senate has duly notified the Government; but the latter has shelved the matter for more than one month. The purpose must be to cripple Parliament by making it impossible for the Senate to meet owing to the lack of the necessary number of members. In this the sinister plot of the Kuo Wu Yuan to destroy the Legislature can be seen. This is the sixth count against the present Cabinet for the violation of the law.

DIPLOMATIC FAILURES.

"In addition to the counts of violation of the law must be added the counts of negligence of duty by the present Cabinet. The country is now in a very precarious position, as strong foreign Powers are pressing us in every direction. It is, however, no exaggeration to say that in a weak state no diplomacy is possible. Had the Government been wise in selecting a definite policy after a calculation of our own strength and the strength of the foreign Powers and then carrying out that policy with firmness and perseverance, it could have been possible to prevent disasters, if not actually score victory. Yet ever since the rise of the questions of Chenchiatung and Laohsikai the Government has been deceiving itself. It has at once failed to adopt an attitude of firmness or conciliation. As it has blundered all through, the situation has got from bad to worse. The Government has been absolutely deaf and dumb to the cries of the people and the indignation of the local bodies. It has even failed to come up to the standard of the Yuan government in exercising small wisdom and tact in temporary dealing with foreigners. Who then is responsible for such disastrous failures? This is the first count of negligence of duty of the present Cabinet.

DAMAGING THE BANK OF CHINA.

"Every measure of administration depends on finance. Nothing can compare therefore with the importance of finance. Properly managed the financial resources of our country are quite sufficient to meet our needs. The civil war caused by Yuan Shih-k'ai, however, has rendered it necessary to depend on foreign money in order to cover the expenses incurred by the army. In borrowing from foreign countries, it is necessary to consider first of all how the money so secured can be put to the best use and how to balance the evils which attend foreign loans with the benefits which we may secure therefrom. Yet it is not known that the Government has been acting wisely in this respect. By more vigilance of the people and foreign leaders, our financial life has been prolonged with the hope that some day our financial difficulties may be solved, that the country may continue to live and that the hardships of the people be lessened somewhat. It is apparent that such conditions can not go on for ever. But when we look to the Government, we find that it is still in a helpless condition. On the other hand, the resumption of specie payment by the Bank of China, which is the sole financial backbone of the State and on it depends the life of the Government, was delayed for a long time simply because the Bank of Communications, which is corrupt, was in the way. When it was eventually removed, under compulsion, the authorities hurriedly caused a run on the Bank by [illegible] and lack of a good [illegible] It is plainly upon the back [illegible] on the part of the authorities [illegible] Henceforward the means of livelihood of the people will decrease as the possibility of internal disturbances grow. Can this State avoid bankruptcy if the present Cabinet be allowed to continue? This is another count against the present Cabinet for negligence of duty.

Several other counts are then reviewed and the impeachment concludes :

THE CONCLUSION.

"The offences specified above are all capable of affecting the existence of the nation. Any one of them is enough to destroy the country. What then shall we say if the Government has not only committed any one but all of them? Tuan Chi-jui has secured control of the Government by mere chance because he was supposed to be able to keep the military under control. He knows nothing about politics or national law. He has been his own master and master of all and his will has been the law. Let us ask ourselves what our people, by sacrificing their lives and shedding their blood, have fought for? If we allow such an irresponsible Cabinet, which has violated all laws, to continue, not only will it be impossible for the Constitution to be promulgated but also the progress of the administration will be retarded. Furthermore, as the present Cabinet has gone to the extreme in disturbing the political situation and violating the law, the indignation of the people and the anger of Heaven, now being accumulated, will some day burst out into open rebellion and end in the destruction of the nation. How can we face the country if we, members of the Parliament, who are representatives of the people, sit with our tongue tied and allow this disaster-breeder and trouble-maker to continue as our Government. In accordance with the provisions of clause 12 of Article 19 of the Provisional Constitution, we hereby file this bill of impeachment, etc., etc."

ST ANDREW.

ADDRESS TO VOLUNTEERS AT PENANG.

THE FAME OF SCOTLAND.

The "Pinang Gazette" reports that there was a large congregation in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church for the annual St. Andrew's Day Service, which was attended by the Penang Volunteers, Hon. Captain the Rev. Donald J. Ross, M.A., having his first opportunity of addressing the corps since his appointment as Presbyterian Chaplain of the battalion.

Preaching from the text, "A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation. I the Lord will hasten it in his time," he said: "Surely we meet to-night to celebrate St. Andrew's Day under more moving circumstances than ever before. Never have our country and our Empire passed through a year of anxiety of effort and of sacrifice remotely comparable to the year that is gone. Never have we confronted obligations so urgent, so exacting and so terrible as are before us to-night. If ever there were men who felt themselves inspired by what has been, solemnised by what is, and summoned by what may be, to the noblest manhood that is in them, those men are ourselves and that occasion is to-night.

A SMALL LAND.

"The words of our text were written by the Prophet regarding Israel but there have been few peoples to whom they more accurately apply than to our own. Our land is a small land, one of the smallest among the lands of the earth. Her population is comparatively scanty and was until yesterday comparatively poor. Her situation is remote and her climate inhospitable. And yet who does not know that she is one of the great lands, one of the greatest lands of the world. She has produced for her size more men of the highest eminence than most lands; for intelligence and independence of character the rank and file of the people will challenge comparison with any race on earth. In every walk of life her sons have shone; in religion, where are greater names than Knox, Rutherford, and Chalmers; in war where was there a nobler than Gordon of Khartoum, in peace where a greater than Gladstone—and both Gordon and Gladstone were Scotsmen although born in England; in literature Scott, Burns and Carlyle sit among the great masters; in the history of thought and science Buchanan and James Watt, David Hume, Kelvin, and Sir James Simpson and among the foremost names. These are but a few and from the past. At this moment the minister responsible for the British Navy, the Chief of the Imperial General Staff, the Commander-in-Chief in France and the British Commander at Saloniks are all of them Scotsmen and the Roll might easily be lengthened.

THE PAST.

"What is it that has made this small land so great and honoured in the earth? Scotland owes her fame to three things above all: to the intelligence, character and the piety of her people. (1) The educational system is one of the finest in the world. The way is open for the sons of the poorest to the university and the place of power. Sir Wm. Robertson himself is a ranker, the son of a peasant. Scotsmen have always been keen on intellectual pursuits—they owe their worldly success largely to the shrewdness and acuteness which are the result of centuries of study and debate. (2) In the past Scotsmen have been noted for courage for manly independence, for uncorruptible uprightness and for absolute reliability. In peace and war alike they have owed much to their clean, stalwart strength of will and purpose. (3) Scotland has long been famous as the land of simple piety; for the outward trappings and embellishments of religion which bulk so largely in some other lands she has cared nothing; she has defended the dignified simplicity of Presbyterian worship even unto blood and is prepared to do it again; hers has been a people whose clean strong lives were founded in a reverent sense of the Majesty of God, for a whole-hearted devotion to Jesus Christ, and in an earnest desire to consecrate the whole of life to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is easy to sneer at Scottish religion and the Scottish sabbath; it is much more difficult to equal the race which they produced.

THE PRESENT.

"So for the past, what of the awful present? No part of the Empire has answered the call to arms more nobly than our own; many parishes in Scotland lost many able-bodied men within a month of the outbreak of war. Multitudes of our Canadian and Australian troops, whose deeds have filled our hearts with wonder and with pride, are of Scottish blood; the great name of the Highland regiments has gathered imperishable brilliance in these bitter days. While rejoicing in the heroism of all the people of the Empire we are entitled to say that where the battle has been hottest and the hazard most bitter, there the tartans have waved, the pibroch has sounded; we think to-night with bowed heads and proudly thankful heart of our heroic dead and of those equally heroic ones who still face the common foe. And so through the centuries, the old words have come true. "The little one has become a thousand, and the small one a strong nation."

The Rev. Mr. Ross concluded his sermon with urging that to us is committed the honour of the future and that on the present generation rests a great responsibility.

RESTRICTIVE MEASURES.

BISHOP OF LONDON ON EFFECTS OF RECENT LEGISLATION.

"Now that we had arrived at a crisis in the world's history, said the Bishop of London, preaching at St. Peter's, Vere-street, recently, the question arose: "What is coming out of this awful welter and chaos?" Those who asked the question naturally looked round to see what had been tried.

"We have tried things," he proceeded. "We were trying things just up to the war. We were whittling away the Christian faith in certain parts of our Empire in giving scientific lectures on health in place of the Christian faith, with the result that there was an increase of juvenile crime wherever the experiment was tried. We have tried, and we are trying to-day, restrictive measures. Now the battle is won. You will not have in the great music-halls the temptations for your boys or your brothers if they want to have a hearty laugh.

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Reuter's Correspondent at Canton states that the reopening of all gambling is inevitable, unless the Central Government offers financial aid. There are now at least three syndicates attempting to procure the monopoly in Kwangtung. The Macao gamblers, fearing loss of business there, are, however, trying to influence the Cantonese members of Parliament to oppose the opening.

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LUSITANO RECREATION CLUB.

MEMBERS are hereby notified that the "Go-as-you-please" Race has been postponed to the 14th January, 1917.

Entries close on the 8th January, 1917.

A. M. O. REMEDIOS, *Acting Hon. Secretary.*

Hongkong, Dec. 13, 1916. 1321

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BOGEY COMPETITION.

A CUP has kindly been presented for a BOGEY COMPETITION at FANLING on December 23rd, 24th and 25th.

Entrance Fee $2.00 each Round. Players may take out as many cards as they like during the three days.

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W. D. KRAFT, Acting Hon. Secretary.

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THE DIARY.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Prince Albert's birthday (1895).

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Irish Goods (Sheets, Towels, Cushions etc.) at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

5.30 p.m.—Congregation at the Hongkong University.

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, Dec. 15:—

Noon.—Extraordinary Meeting of the Green Island Cement Co. Ltd.

Entries close for Ladies' Championship, R. H.K. Golf Club.

SATURDAY, Dec. 16:—

Cricket:—Volunteers v. Reserves at Kowloon.

SUNDAY, Dec. 17:—

9 a.m.—Excursion to Macao by s.s. "Taishan".

FRI. 15, SAT. 16 & MON., Dec. 18:—

9 p.m.—A. D. C. Performances of "Kismet" in aid of "Star and Garter" Fund.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 20:—

Prince George's birthday (1902).

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Xmas Toys and Crackers at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

4.30. p.m.—Matinee Performance of "Kismet".

SATURDAY, Dec. 23:—

9 p.m.—Extra Performance of "Kismet".

SAT. 23, SUN. 24 & MON., Dec. 25:—

Bogey Competition at Fanling.

MONDAY, Dec. 25:—

Public Holiday.

TUESDAY, Dec. 26:—

Public Holiday.

10 a.m.—Winter "Bisley" at Stonecutters.

10 a.m.—Mixed Foursome Competition at Fanling.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 27:—

11 a.m.—Auction of Salved Cargo ex s.s. "Wisley" at the To Kwa Wa Godowns and Kowloon Godowns.

BIRTHS.

BREWER.—On Dec. 6, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. H. E. BREWER, a son.

MACCORMICK.—On Dec. 6, at Hankow, to Mr. and Mrs. A. F. MACCORMICK, a son.

BLUM.—On Dec. 7, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. A. BLUM, a daughter.

DEATHS.

HOGG.—On Dec. 7, at Shanghai, AGNES OGILVIE, wife of G. Hogg.

MACBETH.—On Dec. 6, at Shanghai, Mary, widow of the late J. R. Macbeth, aged 70 years.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, Dec. 13, 1916.

GERMANY AND PEACE.

It is, perhaps, necessary to state that the following article was in type before definite news arrived that Germany had announced to the Powers of the Entente her willingness to enter upon negotiations for a restoration of Peace.

WHILE we await with the deepest interest the nature of the important statement which the German Chancellor is to lay before the Reichstag, we can safely assume what the general purport of it will be. It is common knowledge that Germany has been intriguing for many months past to break up the Allies' combination by inducing one or the other—chiefly Russia—to entertain the idea of a separate peace. These failing, there have not been wanting many indications of German activities in Neutral States to induce the Neutral Powers to initiate an effort to terminate the war. These efforts also have signally failed because the Neutral Governments clearly perceive that the general—the practically unanimous—attitude of the people of the countries of the Entente towards the war entirely shuts out any prospect of their offices in that respect being accepted. They know fairly well what stupendous preparations are being made by the Entente Powers for a supreme effort to crush the military domination of Germany. Germany also knows that only too well, and we can confidently predict the nature of the statement which the German Chancellor, with the approval of the Governments of Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey, is about to lay before an expectant world. The Central Powers have secured an unexpected triumph against Humania, and, for Germany and her Allies, the phychological moment, which they have doubtless long been hoping for, has arrived when they can appear before the world in all the glamour of another great military achievement and make the most magnanimous offers as a basis of discussion for the termination of the war—an enterprise which has entailed a cost in life and treasure which has at last begun to appal the criminals who instigated it.

It would occasion no surprise to learn that Germany, with a most touching solicitude for the nations she has sought to enslave, should now come forward with an offer to retrocede practically all the territory which her initial preparedness for so great a struggle has enabled her to possess. Some reservations there would be, of course, such as the erection of Poland into a semi-independent State under the ægis of Germany; perhaps, also, certain rights over the port of Antwerp, and over the iron fields of Belgium and the invaded portion of France, and some slight modifications in Eastern Europe to meet the views of her Allies in the war—all, of course, in return for the Colonies of which the Allies have deprived her. Such magnanimity as is here suggested would be calculated to create a favourable impression in neutral countries and give a definite lead to Peace propaganda, but we have no difficulty in believing that the primary object would be to create dissension in Russia in the hope that it will speedily lead to revolution and the ultimate separation of Russia from the Entente. In the future of the old German Colonies the British Empire, and to some extent France, Italy and Belgium would have a very lively interest, but Germany would probably be able to count upon this being a matter of little concern to the bulk of the Russian people. Only a day or two ago REUTER informed us that the Council of Empire in Russia had passed a resolution urging "the destruction of clandestine responsible influences in the affairs of the State," and, if the nature of the German Chancellor's statement proves to be such as we have conjectured, this resolution of the Russian Council of Empire throws some light on German expectations in that direction. Germany knows that any overtures which she may make falling short of the guarantees for future peace and the security of weak nations which the Allies have resolved in common to achieve, will be scouted by Great Britain, France and Italy, and, happily, there appears to be good grounds for confidence that Germany will find any hopes she may now be basing on revolution in Russia will prove to be ill-founded.

There is this final consideration to be noted: A nation which entered upon the war with all the bright hopes and confidence that Germany did would not now be coming forward with offers of peace unless the internal conditions of Germany and of the other countries of the Teuton-Bulgur-Turk alliance absolutely forced that necessity upon them. Peace offers from that source, therefore, can only be regarded as the best evidence of the strength and efficiency of the blockade maintained by the Entente Powers, and an indication of the near approach of the time when the Central Powers will be unable any longer to resist the growing pressure which the Entente is exerting upon them. A peace which would acknowledge the military supremacy of Germany is absolutely unthinkable for the combination of Powers arrayed against her. The primary and essential purpose of the Peace settlement must be to secure that this shall be the last war on the continent of Europe. We have little hope that the terms which the Tenton Alliance is immediately prepared to offer will be found to meet this condition.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Exchange rate to-day opened at 2s. 4 5/16d. on demand.

The Robert Dollar Co. have purchased the American steamer *Yucatan*, of 3,525 net tonnage.

The eightieth anniversary of the Canton Hospital is be marked by a reception in the Hospital compound on Tuesday next.

Five race ponies were due from Shanghai to-day by the s.s. *Yungchow*. Thirty four subscription griffins are expected on Friday.

In consequence of the abnormal price of coal, the Shanghai Municipal Council Electricity Department's contract for coal for 1917 shows an increase of Tls 350,000.

The proprietor of a shop at 25 Hillier Street, yesterday entrusted a a coolie with $5,000 to take to a shop at West Point and, as frequently happens in such cases, the coolie has not been seen since.

Yesterday on board the s.s. *Ching Chow*, the Green Island Co.'s boat running from Hongkong to Indo-China, Revenue Officers Sutherland and Lanighan found 103 taels of prepared opium, valued at about $2,000. No arrest was made.

THE MAGISTRACY.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST A CHINESE ACCOUNTANT.

An accountant employed by Kwong Tai Hing was charged at the Magistracy this morning in Mr. Melbourne's Court with converting to his own use the sum of $35,000 given him to pay to Messrs. Gilman and Co. Mr. A. M. Preston appeared to prosecute. The case was remanded until the 20th inst.

EXCUSE DISBELIEVED.

Charged with embezzeling the sum of $1,746.16 a Chinese was remanded this morning. According to Inspector O'Sullivan the man was sent with a cheque for the amount to cash at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and when he got back to the shop he stated that the cheque had been stolen from his pocket. The manager of the firm did not believe the story and the man was taken to the Police Station.

CONCUBINE'S ALLEGED THEFT.

This morning a concubine was charged with the larceny as bailee of $2,000 in banknotes, $200 in cash and a quantity of furniture and clothing valued at $400, stated to be the property of Yeung Po a military officer living at 130, Praya East. The case was remanded.

DUMPED SMALL-POX BODY.

A Chinese charged with dumping a dead body full of small pox at Welling. ton Street last night was remanded this morning by Mr. Melbourne. A detective stated that the defendant lived at 96 Wellington Street, and he saw him take the body and dump it opposite No. 82. Mr. Haywood, who appears for the defence, pleads not guilty.

EXTRADITED.

On the application of an official from the Canton Government a Chinese was sent to Canton by Mr. Wood on an extradition warrant on a charge of piracy on the West River. Defendant said he had no objection to going to Canton and would like to go as soon as possible.

WANTED A CHARACTER.

At the Magistracy this morning a Chinese was charged with stealing a motor car rug from Dr. Allan's car. The evidence of the driver of the car was that he was waiting for Dr. Allan outside the Government Civil Hospital and he left the car to go across the road and ascertain the time from a shop. As he was returning he saw the defendant with the rug under his arm. He caught hold of him and handed him over to a Police Reserve who was close at hand. The defendant denied the theft and stated that he had gone to look at one of the lamps of the car which had gone out, and as he walking along by the side of the car he stepped on the rug which had fallen out. Mr. Wood asked the defendant if he had any witnesses or anyone who would come forward and say he was a "good man." Defendant gave the addresses of his brother and grand-mother, and Mr. Wood adjourned the case in order that these might have an opportunity of attending the Court.

AFTER 20 YEARS.

Charged with being in possession of four lbs. of raw opium a Chinese stated that he had only just come to Hongkong from the Straits, where he had lived for the last twenty years, and did not know the laws of the Colony. He was find $250. Mr. D'Almada appeared for the defendant.

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE WINTER "BISLEY."

His Excellency the Governor has stated his intention of being present on the Range. Prizes will be given for the best Team Shoot, the best Individual Shoot, and also for the best individual Scores made among the Naval, Military and Police Competitors respectively. The presentation of prizes for this purpose will be gratefully acknowledged by Mr F. C. Jenkin, D. S. P. (R), Prince's Buildings, Ice House Street.

All Competitors and those engaged on duty are invited to Tiffin on the Range as the guests of the Police Reserve Headquarters' Club.

In answer to an enquiry, Captain Wood, Range Officer, states that the backsight sliding bar may be reversed at the option of any competitor.

UNNECESSARY WORDS.

WHY waste words and advertising space in describing the many points of merit in Chamberlain's Cough Remedy? The most fastidious are satisfied when we state that it cures colds and coughs from any cause, and that it contains absolutely no narcotic or injurious substances. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

SMALLPOX EPIDEMIC.

WHOLESALE VACCINATION OF CHINESE.

ADVICE TO EUROPEANS.

Not since 1912 has Hongkong had such a serious outbreak of smallpox. Up to noon to-day the cases totalled 469 for the year, and by far the majority of these has been notified since the commencement of the dry weather. Cases are coming in at the rate of 15 a day and with the 17 remaining days the total number of cases will be within easy approach to the record of recent years, which was chronicled in 1912. The epidemic is causing great anxiety to the Sanitary Department and arrangements were authorised last night at a special sitting to get full control of the epidemic and confine it to the comparatively small area affected. Except for sporadic cases the outbreak is confined to that area between Eastern and Western Streets enclosed on the hillside by High Street, and First Street on the lower side. Eastern and Western Streets are situated in the Western District and First Street runs parellel to Queen's Road above the No. 7 Police Station and links up with Pokfulum Road. The infected area is crammed with two storied houses divided into innumerable cubicles and compartments, and quite a number of them are let out as lodging houses. The inhabitants are poor class Chinese who, particularly in the cold months, shun water and soap. They dig out their winter clothes which, during the summer months, have been a cosy nest for the dread germs, and apparently no attempt is made to cleanse them.

THE DUMPING OF BODIES.

The most serious aspect of the epidemic is the dumping. It is stated that no less than 30 out of 40 cases notified since Saturday were dumped. The bodies are taken out in the small hours of the morning and generally laid at somebody else's door way. So far, only two persons have actually been caught and these have been severely dealt with by the Magistrates. Another case of dumping was before the Court this morning and remanded. Several persons have been proceeded against for failing to notify the disease.

THE SANITARY DEPARTMENT'S MEASURES.

The precautions taken up to the present have had little or no effect, and the Sanitary Department has been driven to devise other means of informing the Chinese of the grave danger in our midst in the hope of eradicating it. Progress will be slow while the present dry weather lasts. The Chinese have an awful dread of having their houses fumigated and are under the impression that when a child has smallpox it must be kept in the dark and not allowed to see strangers; if it gets into the light and strangers' eyes are cast upon it then the child is bound to die. The new scheme amounts to taking the Chinese into the confidence of the Sanitary Department, Dr. W. Woodman (Medical Officer of Health) with the assistance of the Chinese Public Dispensaries will devise a method providing for whole sale vaccinations among the Chinese. Anyone who goes to a Dispensary will be vaccinated free of charge. It is believed that vaccinations on a wide scale in the infected area will help to keep the outbreak under control. At present bodies are dumped and it is therefore impossible to discover cases before death. Chinese, it is understood, believe in vaccination. The Department is also being assisted by the Secretary for Chinese Affairs and a vigorous house-to-house inspection will follow.

Mr. D. W. Tratman, Head of the Sanitary Department, in an interview this morning with a *China Mail* representative emphasized the absolute importance of Europeans being vaccinated if they are to remain immune from the disease. This year, as already stated, 469 cases have occurred; of these twelve were Europeans, six non-Chinese and thirty of the cases were imported. The number of deaths is 380.

RECORDS OF PREVIOUS YEARS.

In 1915 there were only 28 Chinese cases, five non-Chinese and one Britisher, and of the former 26 died. In 1914, 110 cases were notified; of these 102 were Chinese and 89 died; eight non-Chinese, of whom two died. The year 1913 shows 111 cases recorded—102 Chinese, 72 of which ended fatally, and nine non-Chinese two of whom died. In 1912 the returns were very large and the year was an exceedingly bad one for smallpox. There were altogether 700 cases—669 Chinese and 40 non-Chinese; 20 were Europeans. Two Europeans (children), an Indian child and 562 Chinese died and only two appeared to have been vaccinated. This year twelve Europeans have been attacked by the disease.

Mr. Tratman pointed out that as the Department did not, in the large majority of cases, get to know of the disease until after death, as the cases were concealed, it was then too late to control the infection and as a first measure towards controlling the disease the Department intend to use every endeavour to vaccinate the whole of the inhabitants of the block affected in the Western District.

The deaths from smallpox registered during this year to date are as follows:—January 1; February 27; March 58; April 64; May 51; June 19; July 6; August 10; September 14; October 14; November 58; December 63.

The following table gives at a glance the figures for the last five years:—

	1916	1915	1914	1913	1912
Cases notified	471	28	110	111	700
Chinese	453	28	102	102	669
Deaths	380	26	89	79	562
Europeans	12	3	4	6	20
Deaths	0	1	1	2	2
Imported	30	16	8	15	19

SOCIAL EVIL IN SHANGHAI.

Correspondence between the Women's Christian Temperance Union and the Municipal Council is published in the latest issue of the Shanghai Municipal Gazette. The letter sent by the Union had 688 signatories. It deals with the social evil, the regulation of coffee-shops and grill-rooms and the sale of morphia, cocaine and other drugs. The letters follow:—

Shanghai, November 9, 1916.

Gentlemen,—We, the members of the Shanghai Women's Christian Temperance Union, and other residents of Shanghai, while gratefully recognising the efforts made by the Council to preserve good order and government, view with grave concern the disclosures brought to light in the Public Press under the heading of "The Seamy Side of Shanghai." Having special regard to the influence of this state of affairs upon the young people growing up in our midst, we urge upon the Council to take still further steps in the following directions to eradicate or mitigate the evils referred to.

We respectfully request:—

(a) That the Council, in view of the recent revelations, should not relax its efforts to protect the residents in the use of the Public Gardens and Parks, special attention being called to the lamentable state of affairs in the Hongkew Recreation Ground.

(b) That the necessary steps be taken to regulate the so-called coffee-shops and grill-rooms in various parts of the Settlement, the abuses of which are already well-known.

(c) We gratefully recognise the efforts of the Council to control the nuisance in the North Szechuen Road extension and similar places as evidenced by the unlicensed bar test case in the Mixed Court. We urge the Council to continue their efforts to abate this nuisance by an appeal to the Consular Body and thence to the Chinese Authorities, who can, if they are so minded, bring it to an end.

(d) That all licensees selling foreign or Chinese wines and liquors to persons intoxicated should be proceeded against.

(e) That measures be taken to regulate the sale of morphia, cocaine and similar noxious drugs.

(f) That means be taken towards the closing of houses of ill fame and the abolishing of soliciting in the public thoroughfares.

Yours faithfully,

ELEANOR M. CANNING,

President, Shanghai Women's Christian Temperance Union, and others.

The Chairman and Members, Municipal Council.

Council Room, Shanghai, December 2, 1916.

Mesdames,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the petition dated November 9th, signed by the Women's Christian Temperance Union and by other residents, expressing concern about the prevalence, recently mentioned in the Press, of some unfortunate conditions, especially in Hongkew, and urging additional measures for their mitigation.

I trust my impression is correct that the petitioners have fully realised that these evils have been watched and checked by the Municipal authorities consistently from the Settlement's earliest days: and that though such efforts must as a rule be unobtrusive, they have been so active as to bring about marked improvement from time to time. It is perhaps necessary to add that journalistic descriptions are occasionally too vivid to convey fully balanced impressions of the actual conditions: but the Council shares your view that further improvement is undoubtedly to be desired.

I hope that the following observations upon your suggestions will be found satisfactory:—

As to control of the Public Gardens and Parks, in consequence of complaints several Police prosecutions have been undertaken this year, and such cause for dissatisfaction as there may still be, will assuredly soon disappear. As to coffee-shops and grill-rooms, a recommendation to license them as eating houses will be made with the Budget for 1917: the business of all such establishments will thereby be regulated.

As to suppression of the nuisance in the North Szechuen Road and other places: prior to 1914 there were situated in a part of Hongkew, a number of taverns under disreputable management. Nearly all being driven away by energetic Police measures, they migrated to premises in the North Szechuen Road Extension, which, though standing in Chinese territory, abut on the Municipal Road. Proceedings instituted in the various Consular Courts have successfully reduced their number to four. No Consulate would recognise the proprietors of these and the Mixed Court declined jurisdiction. Consequently the already closed taverns re-opened, and additional establishments started.

The real proprietors, whose identity almost defies proof, having taken licenses from the Chapei Administration, nominated managers who were not recognised by any Consulate, and over whom the Mixed Court still declined jurisdiction. The Council then obtained the co-operation of the American authorities and the Doyen of the Consular Body, requesting representations to the Chapei authorities for more rigorous enforcement of the licences.

Representations were also made to the landlords or agents, who with one exception co-operated; and from 15 such taverns in that road, the number, since April last, has again been reduced to 4. These results of efficient Police action in the face of difficulties have been contemplated by the Council with entire approval.

As to prosecution for sale of alcohol to the intoxicated, Condition 9 of the license prohibits drunkenness on the premises: its most severe enforcement will receive special attention. As to regulating the sale of morphia, cocaine and such drugs, at the instance of the Watch Committee some months ago, special provision has already been made in the recommendations of the Special Licensing and Bye-Laws Committee.

As to suppressing houses of ill-fame and street-soliciting, no effort is spared to keep these evils in check in accordance with carefully formulated directions. The houses are as a rule restricted to definite areas: any attempted general closure would, it is feared, result in diffusion, not in abolition: this probable result would not be to the public advantage: experience has shown that the measures now operative here are the best suited to the peculiar local conditions.

For soliciting: the record of prosecutions indicates that this matter, though fraught with difficulty, engages constant Police attention. It is to be remembered that apprehension cannot be effected, solely because persons are of a certain class, it is justified only by a distinct offence.

Upon this subject, the Council expresses the hope that it will be borne in mind that the administration, taking measures of course unreservedly in application of accepted principles of morality, nevertheless, can only aid, but cannot effectively compel, their observance by all classes of the community.

My statement on these matters cannot be quite complete, but it will suffice to show that the aims of your petition evoke our earnest solicitude and such energetic and progressive action as the circumstances permit.

Your obedient servant,

E. C. PEARCE, Chairman.

MRS. E. M. CANNING,

President, Shanghai Women's Christian Temperance Union, and others.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. W. P. Ker, British Commercial Attache, is paying Shanghai a short visit.

To-morrow is the birthday of Prince Albert, the second son of King George and Queen Mary. Prince Albert was born in 1895, so he will celebrate his 21st. birthday to-morrow.

American papers announce the engagement of Miss Rebecca Louise Barker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Barker, of Redlands and Los Angeles, California, to Mr. Clarence Edward Gauss, American Consul at Amoy, China. Miss Barker is the daughter of a prominent California family, is a graduate of Vassar, and well-known in social circles and college women's activities in Redlands.—Mr. Gauss is very well known and popular in the Far East, especially in Shanghai, where he served as acting Consul-General during Consul-General Sammons' trip home and as Consul at other times.

Several Provincial organisations have telegraphed to Peking denouncing the recent fight in Parliament, and giving the warning that a repetition of such scenes can only result in the dissolution of the Parliament.

THE WAR.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

PEACE PROPOSALS FROM GERMANY.

STATEMENT BY GERMAN CHANCELLOR.

LONDON, Dec. 12.

A telegram from Berlin states that Dr. Bethmann-Hollweg has announced in the Reichstag that Germany and her Allies, conscious of their responsibility before God and before their own nations and humanity, proposed to-day to the hostile powers to enter upon peace negotiations.

LATER.

Reuter's Correspondent at Amsterdam states that official telegrams from Vienna and Berlin state that all the enemy Powers have addressed to the hostile Governments identical Notes expressing their willingness to enter upon Peace negotiations.

BRITISH PARLIAMENT MEETS.

STATEMENT OF POLICY FURTHER POSTPONED.

LONDON, Dec. 12.

The House of Commons was crowded when it re-opened. All the Liberal members of the former Cabinet and the front Opposition Bench and the Unionist rank and file retained seats on the Opposition side, forestalling the Liberals who intended to cross the floor.

Mr. Bonar Law moved the adjournment till the 14th inst., when Mr. Lloyd George will move the Vote of Credit.

Mr. McKenna suggested that Mr. Lloyd George's statement of policy should be postponed till next week to enable Mr. Asquith to be present.

This was agreed to.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

ENEMY ATTACKS FAIL.

PARIS, Dec. 12.

A communiqué states:

A German attack at Bois de Loges, north of Lassigny, was broken up by our barrage.

Enemy detachments which gained a footing in our advance trenches were driven out with grenades, and our line has been entirely re-established.

THE BELGIAN DEPORTATIONS.

GERMANY'S REPLY.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 12.

Replying to the United States protest against Belgian deportations the German Government maintain that they have not infringed the rules of international law and refer to the removal of the population from parts of Germany and the German Colonies by enemy troops. Germany alleges that some have been sent to Siberia.

CLOSING SHARE QUOTATIONS.

12.30 p.m.

Indos Def.	$ 140½	buyers
China Sugars	128	buyers
Malabons	37	buyers
Wharves	84½	sales
Docks	131	buyers
Shanghai Docks	90	buyers
Shanghai Cottons	120	buyers
Cements	11.80	sellers
Powells	6.40	buyers
	6.45	sellers

RUSSIAN AND RUMANIAN THEATRES.

LONDON, Dec. 12.

A Russian communiqué states:

Enemy attacks south-east of Kovel, in the Wooded Carpathians and in Moldavia have been repulsed.

We captured some heights.

The Germans are unsuccessfully attacking north of Cislau and west of Mizilu which are thirty miles north-east and twenty-five miles east of Ploesti respectively.

THE MACEDONIAN FRONT.

FRENCH SUCCESSES.

PARIS, Dec. 12.

A communiqué states:

We carried five small Bulgarian outposts south of the river Hojumnyca, on the right bank of the Vardar.

Snow checked operations in the whole of the region north of Monastir.

The artillery duel continues most violent.

THE OPERATIONS IN EAST AFRICA.

BRITISH SUCCESSES.

LONDON, Dec. 12.

Reuter's Special Correspondent at Mgogoro relates that the German General Wahle, retreating from Tabora, in a south-eastward direction, in order to join the enemy's main force, was held up by a small British post under Captain Tom Marriott, forty miles south of Ngominge.

After four days' fighting a relief force under Colonel Muray drove off General Wahle's force, killing 61 of them and taking 33 prisoners.

General Wahle fell back towards Mahenge.

A strong force which he had detached with the object of enveloping General Northey was cut off and it surrendered. Seven white officers and 47 white men and 249 Askaris were taken prisoners, and a howitzer and three maxims, ammunition and cattle were captured.

Captain Marriott has been awarded the Military Cross.

Our northern line of investment has now advanced sixty miles along a front of 200 miles from Newiringa, Kissaki and Kissangire.

Our eastward advance south-west by south from Kilwa has now penetrated sixty miles inland.

GERMAN WARSHIPS DESTROYED.

BOUNTY OF £5 PER HUN HEAD.

In the Naval Prize Court the President (Sir Samuel Events) heard two motions for the grant of prize bounties to the officers and crews of British war vessels, and awarded £1,400 and £245 respectively. Commander Maxwell H. Anderson, R.N., appeared in support of the motions.

The first motion concerned the destruction of four German torpedo-boat destroyers—G115, G117, G118 and G119—on 17th October, 1914. According to the affidavit of Captain Cecil Henry Fox, he was in command of his Majesty's ship Undaunted, in company with the four destroyers, Lance, Legion, Loyal and Lennox. About noon on the date in question four enemy destroyers were sighted in the North Sea. They were pursued, brought to action, and destroyed by gunfire, some of the crew being taken prisoner. The crew of each vessel numbered seventy, the total being 280. At £5 per head, the prize bounty claimed amounted to £1,400.

The President made an order for payment of this sum to the officers and crew.

The second motion concerned the sinking of two armed enemy trawlers—the s.s. Otto Rudolph and the s.s. Braunschweig—on 25th March last. They were destroyed by gunfire near the island of Sylt, in the North Sea, by the British destroyers Murray, Morris, and Mansfield. One of the enemy vessels hoisted a white flag during the pursuit. It was discovered that she had been scuttled by the crew, and the vessel had to be destroyed by gunfire. Twenty-two men formed the crew of the Otto Rudolph and twenty-seven were on board the Braunschweig, a total of forty-nine.

In this application the Court granted prize bounty of £245.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

RUMANIA.

AUSTRO-GERMAN ACTIVITY IN WALLACHIA.

LONDON, Dec. 12.

A Petrograd telegram states that the Austrians and Germans are very active in Wallachia preparing lines of defence, fortifying favourable positions, and constructing bridges of boats across the Danube between Giurgevo and Turnitseverin. They are employing the whole population above the age of 14 years.

The Rumanian retreat continues with a minimum loss.

MACHINERY OF OILFIELDS DESTROYED.

It is authoritatively stated that the machinery of the oilfields has been destroyed, and it will be at least a year before it can be restored.

GERMAN PROPAGANDA IN RUMANIA.

SEEKING TO UNDERMINE LOYALTY OF THE ARMY.

LONDON, Dec. 11.

German propagandists are very active in Rumania in seeking to undermine the loyalty of the Army. They are offering grants of land to officers and men prepared to side with the Germans, and they proclaim their intention to confiscate the the estates of pro-Entente notables.

The Germans have been apparently baulked of their intended prey of the oilfields, as it is reported that the oil wells have been completely destroyed.

HEAVY FIGHTING NEAR MONASTIR.

FRENCH PROGRESS.

LONDON, Dec. 11.

A French communique reports that the Germans and Bulgarians desperately resisted Allied attacks north of Monastir.

Fighting was very heavy north of Hill 1050, where a height attacked by the Russians changed hands frequently.

The French progressed 800 yards near the village of Vlaklar.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

SUCCESSFUL ALLIED RAIDS.

LONDON, Dec. 12.

General Sir Douglas Haig reports successful raids eastward of Neuville St. Vaast and south-eastward of Armentieres, destroying machine gun emplacements.

An attempted enemy raid eastward of La Boutillerie failed.

Hostile working parties at Fauquissart and Wieltje were dispersed.

There has been reciprocal artillery and trench mortar firing at Loos, Arras, Ypres and north of the Ancre.

LATER.

A Paris communique reports violent artillery activity at Ville-au-Bois, north-west of Rheims and in the Douaumont sector.

A coup-de-main was successfully carried out against enemy trenches at Bois-le-Pretre and west of Pont-a-Mousson.

THE DEPORTATIONS FROM FRANCE AND BELGIUM.

RIOT AT TOURCOING.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 12.

It is reported that a serious riot occurred at Tourcoing (near Lille) on the occasion of the deportation of civilians.

A German soldier struck a civilian with his rifle butt, whereupon the crowd attacked the escorting troops.

The cavalry charged, and sixteen towns-people were killed.

CASUALTIES IN THE RECENT AIR RAID.

LONDON, Dec. 12.

The casualties in the air-raid on the English Northern Counties on November 27, were: One man and three women killed; sixteen men, fourteen women and seven children injured.

THE SINKING OF THE "MARINA."

A CLEAR VIOLATION OF PLEDGES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.

The State Department announces that that complete information as to the torpedoing of the *Marina* makes the attack appear a clear cut violation of Germany's pledges.

Full information is awaited regarded the *Arabia* before the next move.

DEPORTATION OF BELGIANS.

GERMAN REPLY TO AMERICAN NOTE.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 12.

The German reply to the American Note regarding the deportation of Belgians makes the usual effort to lay the blame on the British blockade, bringing factories to a standstill, etc.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, Dec. 11.

The following deaths are announced:

Rt. Hon. Sir Rolands Vaughan Williams, late Lord Justice of the Court of Appeal, aged 78.

Mr. George Gilbert White, C.S.I., formerly Chief Engineer and Secretary to the Local Government of Burma, aged 59.

ADJOURNMENT OF PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, Dec. 11.

Parliament readjourns to-morrow till Thursday, when Mr. Lloyd George will make his first pronouncement.

THE PRIME MINISTER.

LONDON, Dec. 12.

It is officially announced that the Prime Minister is better. He has been ordered to remain indoors for a couple of days.

FURTHER MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.

It is believed that Lt.-Colonel Sir Marks Sykes (U. Central Hull) will be Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, and the Rt. Hon. W. Hayes Fisher, (C. Fulham) Under-Secretary for the Colonies.

MR. ASQUITH INDISPOSED.

LONDON, Dec. 12.

Mr. Asquith is laid up with influenza.

FRANCE TO ADOPT THE SMALL CABINET.

PARIS, Dec. 11.

The Government has finally decided upon a small Cabinet, following British lines.

STORMY SCENE IN FRENCH CHAMBER.

MAN OF PEACE FIGHTS WITH A WATER BOTTLE.

PARIS, Dec. 12.

A stormy scene took place in the Chamber during the debate on the War Credits.

A Socialist member, M. Brizon, one of the three deputies who recently met the German Socialists in Switzerland, vehemently protested against the prolongation of the war, of which the only result was to engulf millions.

Tumult ensued. M. Brizon persisted, despite the opposition of the whole Chamber, and the incident culminated in M. Brizon hurling a water bottle at the head of his nearest opponent.

The sitting was suspended amid pandemonium, and M. Brizon was ejected.

BRITISH POLICY REGARDING LIQUOR.

DRASTIC REGULATIONS FORESHADOWED.

LONDON, Dec. 12.

Drastic regulations regarding liquor are foreshadowed. It is understood that the general policy is towards an entire veto of the consumption of spirits. The Government will take over enormous stocks for munitions purposes.

REMARKABLE CAPTURES.

A sergeant who witnessed the incident in which Private Thomas Jones won the Victoria Cross states: The Cheshires had captured a village on the 25th September, and had commenced to dig, when the Germans started a brisk fire. Jones suggested a charge but the officer declined. Jones' neighbour fell and Jones exclaimed: "If I am to be killed, I will be killed fighting." He reached a German trench after four bullets had pierced his clothes. Ten minutes later two of his friends went over the parapet saying: "He has gone and we are going too." They found Jones in a hollow threatening to bomb a group of 100 Germans who were holding up their hands. He had mustered them singly from a dugout, threatening instant death for disobedience. Later he returned to the British trenches leading his captives. Private Jones hails from Runcorn, Cheshire.

17 TO 400.

Correspondents at the front tell a story of 400 Germans hidden underground who surrendered on the British demand, to find that their captors were one officer and sixteen men without any support at hand. The German officer immediately began to incite his men to turn on their guard. The British officer understood German and warned the prisoner officer to desist. The latter disregarded the warning and the prisoners showed signs of getting out of hand, whereupon the British officer shot him. The remainder of the prisoners at once became amenable and were led quietly as prisoners to camp.

DEPRESSION IN HUNGARY.

The "Morning Post's" Buda Pesth correspondent writes that the greatest depression has been caused by the publication of the report of the Hungarian National Committee entrusted with the care of fallen soldiers' graves. The report indicates that over a quarter of a million Austro-Hungarian and German soldiers have been killed in the Northern Carpathians during the winter of 1914 to 1915. It is well known that the majority of the units engaged were Hungarian. The report describes the Carpathians as a vast cemetery from Orsova to the Uzsok Pass.

WAR CHARITIES.

The Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Hon. Secretary, War Charities Committee, writes:—One pair of binoculars contributed by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gould, 6 Des Voeux Road, Hongkong, is now to be added to the list of glasses received and forwarded to the Lady Roberts' Field Glass Fund. The total now stands:—Stand Telescope, 13 Hand Telescopes; 48 Binoculars, Donation of $75.00

MR. LLOYD GEORGE ON DUTY OF THE CHURCHES.

COMING WAR AGAINST POVERTY AND SOCIAL EVILS.

Mr. Lloyd George, in an address of welcome recently to the new pastor of Castle-street Welsh Chapel, which the new Prime Minister attends when in London, alluded to the duty of the Churches in time of peace and war.

At present, he remarked, there was much of the gospel of Cain mixed up with the Gospel of Christ.

The question had been asked, "Am I my brother's keeper?" Well, if the brother was in poverty, in want, in oppression, as, for example, in France, Belgium or in Serbia to-day, it was their duty to help and succour him. Every man in the church should make it his business to see that he was his brother's keeper. "Say it in war," proceeded Mr. Lloyd George, "say it in peace, and when the terms of peace are concluded, remember it will only mean the end of one war and the commencement of another.

"There will be war, but in another form—war against poverty and against social evils."

RAILWAYS IN CHINA.

FOREIGN INVESTMENTS.

In the course of an article on the American railway contract the *Peking Daily News* says of the interests of Foreign Powers in the railways of China: "Out of the $858,000,000 of capital invested in Chinese railways (the figures are for 1914) Russia owns $200,000,000, England $140,000,000, Japan $125,000,000, China $128,000,000, Germany $80,000,000 and France $65,000,000. Thus it would appear that Russia and Japan held more than a third of the total capitalization of China's railroads, to which may be added the obvious desire of both of these nations is to control China's destinies in political and economic sense."

POWER TO USE A RIFLE.

LORD FRENCH ON THE LESSONS ON THE WAR.

The wisdom of teaching rifle-shooting was emphasised by Field-Marshal Lord French in a brief address he delivered in presenting the King's Shield for 1916.

The trophy is given by the King for the encouragement of miniature rifle-shooting among recognised cadet units. This year it has been won by the Depot, Royal Marine Cadet Corps, Deal, the runners-up being the "A" Company of King Edward's School, Whitley.

The presentation took place in the courtyard of the War Office. The successful teams, looking smart and alert, were drawn up in front of the Field-Marshal, who handed the Shield to the senior cadet and a silver badge to each member.

"Some five years ago," said Lord French "His Majesty the King graciously presented a shield for competition in rifle-shooting between companies of cadets in the United Kingdom. The wisdom of such encouragement to rifle shooting has been made very evident by the great and terrible war in which we find ourselves involved and which has shown how valuable to every man is the power to use his rifle efficiently.

"Many of those who have fired in this competition in the past, and are now in the field, must have been glad of the skill they had acquired in rifle shooting, which has enabled them individually to rid their country of its enemies.

"It is a great pleasure to me to present the shield and medals on this occasion, and I congratulate the Royal Marine Cadet Corps on their third winning year, whilst "A" Company, King Edward's School, Witley, appear in the list of prize winners for the fourth time."

The ceremony concluded with cheers for the King.

HOCKEY.

U.S. LEAGUE.

VOLUNTEER "A" v. 88 COY. R.G.A.

The following will play for the Volunteers to-morrow at 4.30 p.m. at Happy Valley, in white:—R.A.O. North, C. B. Johnson, F. W. S. Evans, E. W. Hamilton, E. J. R. Mitchell, G. Miskin, R. A. Brand, L. N. Murphy, A. D. Ball (capt). J. R. Smith, P. Tod.

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RUSSIA PROSPERS UNDER TEMPERANCE UKASE.

INCREASE IN THE COUNTRY'S TAXABLE RESOURCES.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 19.

The Budget for 1917, which has just been submitted to the Duma and the Council of the Empire, has been framed with a view to the possibility of the war lasting for the whole of the financial year.

Revenue and expenditure balance at the total sum of 4,078,000,000 roubles (£407,800,000,) this being the first time that the Russian Budget has reached four milliards of roubles.

The figures under the different heads are as follows:—

	Roubles.
Ordinary Revenue ...	3,999,000,000
Extraordinary Revenue ...	6,000,000
Total Revenue ...	4,005,000,000
Ordinary Expenditure ...	3,735,000,000
Extraordinary Expenditure	343,000,000
Total Expenditure ...	4,078,000,000

The receipts from the sale of alcoholic liquors, which in 1913 amounted approximately to 900,000,000 roubles, are estimated in the 1917 Budget only at 50,000,000 roubles, while the net profit from this sale only amounts to 10,000,000. Thus the business has completely lost its importance as a source of State revenue, and other articles have quite taken its place.

An explanatory memorandum points out that the taxable resources of the Empire have increased almost entirely as a result of the enforcement of temperance. The data which follow confirm this, for the State revenues for the second year of the war exceeded those of the first year by 45 per cent., besides which loans amounting to some 8,000,000,000 roubles have been placed on the home money market during these two years. At the same time the volume of savings bank deposits is constantly increasing, as is shown by the fact that deposits during the first nine months of 1916 exceeded a thousand million roubles.—Reuter.

COCKNEY WAR GIRLS.

HUMOROUS SCENES IN THE BIG MUNITION FACTORIES.

In an article on the part the women are playing in the war Mr Hall Caine gives some happy human sketches of the Cockney girl—"Tommy's own sister"—applying for work in the big munition factories. "Here she comes," writes Mr Caine, "sailing into the superintendent's office, Tommy's sister, wearing a hat as big as a fish-basket, and with her pretty face painted red as the sun with rouge. Then follows a scene.

"Hello! what do you want?"

"Work, miss." "You could'nt work!"

"Could'nt I! Just you try me, miss," and up goes the chin, with a curl of the saucy mouth. There is silence for a moment, and then the superintendent says: "Now that I look at you I don't think you would be a bad-looking girl if you hadn't such a dirty face."

"What! Dirty face? Me?" "Go and wash your face, and then perhaps we can do something."

A forewoman at a great factory, having received notice of the coming of Zeppelins, removed her girls to the wash-room, where some of them began to cry. "Stop that," she cried, but the hysterical girls would not or could not stop. So she picked them up, one by one, and put them to sit in the wash-basins that lined two sides of the room, and then called in a number of the men to look at them. The lights were switched on for a moment; the weeping ones were seen leaning their backs against the walls and dangling their legs above the floor; there was a general peal of laughter; and then the girls were lifted down and the hysteria was gone.

Tommy's sister is often a war-bride, having been married the day before her soldier was called up, and she frequently tells her chums in the canteen that when her "'Arry comes back she won't be arf glad, not me." One day lately in a North London factory a girl asked for a frugal hour off to get married in, and promised faithfully to return as soon as the ceremony was over. She returned all right, and she had been married, too, but as her "Fella had gone back on her" she had had to find another man in the meantime. "I said I was going to get married, and I couldn't disappoint the girls, could I!" she said.

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	§KASHIMA MARU, Capt. K. Inadzu, Tons 21,000	THURSDAY, 4th Jan. at Noon.
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	§SUWA MARU, Capt. T. Sekine, Tons 21,000	SATURDAY, 16th Dec. at 10 a.m.
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E. V. D. PARR,
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Hongkong, Dec. 1, 1916.

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Hongkong, Dec. 6, 1916. 1300

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

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S.S. "CARMARTHENSHIRE" FROM UNITED KINGDOM AND INTERMEDIATE PORTS.

OWING to an outbreak of fire on board this vessel at Port Swettenham a General Average Contribution of 10% will be collected.

The General Average Bond will require to be signed and deposits made before countersignature of Bills of Lading can be given.

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Hongkong, Dec. 11, 1916. 1315

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO Via HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS AND MANILA.

THE Steamship "SIBERIA MARU,"

The above-named Steamer having arrived Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of Cargo from Skott's Godown at West Point.

Cargo remaining undelivered on SUNDAY, 10th December at Noon, will be charged landing charges. Storage charges will be assessed on all Cargo undelivered on WEDNESDAY, 13th December, at 5 P.M.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

No Claims will be recognised after the Goods have left the Steamer or Godown.

All chafed and damaged Cargo will be landed into the Company's Godown, where they will be examined on 14th December at 10 A.M.

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T. DAIGO,
Agent.

Hongkong, Dec. 7, 1916. 1300

'BEN' LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBRO', LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship BENAVON,

Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 18th Dec., will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 25th Dec., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 18th Dec. at 11 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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NANKIN ...	Dec. 16	Through Steamer	Jan. 17	Jan. 23
NOVARA ...	Dec. 29	*MOOLTAN	Jan. 28	Feb. 4
SOMALI ...	Jan. 12	*KASHGAR	Feb. 12	Feb. 19
NYANZA ...	Jan. 26	Through Steamer	Feb. 28	Mar. 11
MALTA ...	Feb. 9	*MOREA	Mar. 11	Mar. 18
NAMUR ...	Feb. 23	Through Steamer	Mar. 28	April 8
NELLORE ...	Mar. 9	*MEDINA	April 8	April 15
NOVARA ...	Mar. 23	*MONGOLIA	April 22	April 29
NORE	April 6	Through Steamer	May 9	May 20
MALTA ...	April 20	*KAISAR I-HIND	May 21	May 28
NANKIN. ...	May 4	Through Steamer	June 7	June 18
NELLORE ...	May 18	*KASHGAR	June 19	June 26.

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SCOTTISH LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

November 8th.

CHEMIST AND ANTIQUARY.

The death is announced of Emeritus Professor John Ferguson, for over 40 years the occupant of the Chair of Chemistry in Glasgow University. Professor Ferguson's reflective and analytical mind found congenial employment in investigating the historical development of chemistry rather than in experimental research in the laboratory. Probably no contemporary could have written a history of primitive and mediaeval science at once so full and accurate, so sympathetic and discerning. But constitutional indolence prevented him from any such scheme of work. He was, however, extraordinarily active in antiquarian and bibliographical research. An assiduous book-hunter, his library was rich beyond the dreams of even the book-lover's avarice; on its shelves rarities were a commonplace. And his antiquarian researches had extraordinary ramifications; he was intensely interested, for instance, in the Roman Wall, and at the same time wrote a monumental work on "Witchcraft." With all his immense erudition, Professor Ferguson was no pedant, and had not the slightest trace of intellectual snobbery. He was saved from this by the rich saving salt of his humour. By his death at the age of 80, Glasgow University loses a man of broad culture and at the same time of exceptional social charm.

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF.

The sale of the Island of Eigg to Mr. William Petersen, the shipping magnate (as told in last week's "Scottish Letter"), is in a way a case of history repeating itself. In ancient days it was possessed by Scandanavians, possibly by Mr. Petersen's own ancestors, in common with many other islands of the Hebrides, and no doubt some of the natives have the blood of Vikings in their veins. Near it lies the Island of Muck, which signifies Pig Island, a name which is clearly reminiscent of the Norsemen, because the Gaels detested the pig, and to this day many Western islanders refuse to eat pork. Gradually the old Highland names are vanishing from the list of Highland proprietors. Instead of representatives of the Clans, there are now many followers of commerce. Burton and Abinger are "chiefs" in Invernessshire, Perrins and Shoolbred and von Schroder in Ross-shire, Rudd and others in Argyllshire, and so on. Of course some of the old proprietors were once "incomers." The MacDonalds, for instance, are "dark strangers," believed to be descendants of a swarthy tribe of Danish sea rovers. But there are other Macs who, as th Gaelic saying puts it, "came with the hills and grew up with the trees in the forests."

THE EMPIRE AND NATIVE RACES.

A course of four lectures on subjects of Imperial interest has been arranged by the Senatus of the University of Edinburgh in conjunction with a Committee of the Royal Colonial Institute, and the opening lecture was delivered by Sir Everard im Thurn, K.C.M.G. His subject was "The Empire and Native Races." The lecturer said it was difficult to distract one's attention from the war, but in the hope that it might be of use when order in the affairs of the world was restored he proposed to deal with some aspects of the story of British rule, especially during last century, in tropical lands. It would serve his audience best if he took a particular case to illustrate the general one, and he selected the South Sea Islands. Glancing at the historical aspect, the lecturer showed the influence which the now almost extinct sandalwood trade had on the development of Western civilisation among the savages. The sandalwood traders were for the most part respectable folk, but their sailors who remained and the beach combers who succeeded them were not so sympathetic in their treatment of the natives, and mistreatment due to misunderstandings and a failure to consider each other's point of view had resulted in making the natives fierce. Cotton and sugar were now cultivated, and that made the islands of very much greater importance, and called attention to the disorder which existed between the white man and the native. The latter had no conception of the ownership of property of any kind, except in so far as it could be retained by force or craft. That was not due to natural malice, but to the habit of thought in which they had developed. In conclusion, Sir Everard pleaded for elaboration of the means of anthropological training of our Colonial administrators, and suggested that young men who had approved themselves as administrators should during their periods of leave give the advantage of their practical experience to anthropological training centres at home.

CHANNEL TUNNEL.

LORD SYDENHAM ON ITS USES IN THIS WAR.

Lord Sydenham, supporting the Channel Tunnel project in an article contributed to a pamphlet on the subject, says the estimated capital required will be £8,000,000.

"He says that the French Government and people would warmly welcome railway intercommunication and suggests that a greater density of traffic could have been attained than M. Sartiaux's estimate of 30,000 troops and 30,000 tons of stores a day.

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"The saving of transport urgently needed for other purposes, the huge economy of labour expended upon two trans-shipments, and the military gain of being able to send troops from our great camps and material of war from our factories direct to Ypres or the Somme defy all calculation.

"The economic need of the Tunnel after the war will be as great as before, while the political need will be more urgent."

HEAVY WEATHER IN THE CHINA SEA.

The *Straits Times* of the 2nd inst. says:—Inward bound steamers from China report very heavy weather in the China Sea. The Tatomi Maru, which left here a few days ago, encountered such severe storms that she had to put back to Singapore in order to replenish her bunkers. Shipping on the East coast is practically held up.

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Australia Ports, &c. St. Albans ...		Gibb Livingston & Co.	Jan 27, at 11 a.m.
B'bay v. S'pore & C'bo	Yetorofu Maru ...	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 21.
B'bay, v. S'pore, C'bo.	Malay Maru ...	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	Dec. 20, at 7 a.m.
Batavia, Samarang, &c	Shibetoro Maru ...	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	Dec. 27, at Noon.
Boston & New York	Eurymedon ...	Butterfield & Swire...	Dec. 13.
Haihow & Haiphong	Kajfong ...	Butterfield & Swire...	Dec. 14, at 10 a.m.
Honolulu via Japan &c	Kiyo Maru ...	Toyo Kisen Kaisha...	Jan. 9, at noon.
Haiphong ...	Taksang ...	Jardine, M'son Co., Ltd	Dec. 15, at 7 a.m.
Kobe ...	Yamagata Maru ...	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 13.
London v. S'pore &c	Nankin ...	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Dec. 16, at Noon.
London & Bombay &c	Novara ...	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Dec. 29, at Noon.
London v. S'pore &c.	Kamo Maru ...	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 28, at Noon.
London v. S'pore &c.	Kashima Maru ...	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Jan. 4, at noon.
Manila ...	Loongsang ...	Jardine, M'son Co., Ltd.	Dec. 16, at 3 p.m.
Manila ...	Yuensang ...	Jardine, M'son Co. Ltd.	Dec. 23, at 3 p.m.
Manila, Cebu & Iloilo	Chungking ...	Butterfield & Swire...	Dec. 19, at 4 p.m.
Manila, Cebu & Iloilo	Taming ...	Butterfield & Swire...	Dec. 19, at 4 p.m.
Manila, A'tralian Port.	Changsha	Butterfield & Swire...	
N'kai, Kobe & Yokama	Nikko Maru ...	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Jan. 4, at 10 a.m.
New York v. Japan &c	Toyooka Maru ...	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Early Feb.
Rio de Janeiro, &c....	Kasado Maru ...	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	Jan. 1, at Noon.
San Francisco v. Japan	Ecuador	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	Dec. 30
San F'cisco v. Japan	Colombia	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	April 23.
San Francisco v. Japan	Tenyo Maru	Toyo Kisen Kaisha...	Dec. 19, at Noon.
San F'cisco, v. Japan	Nippon Maru ...	Toyo Kisen Kaisha...	Jan. 4, 10.30 a.m.
San F'cisco v. Japan	Shinyo Maru ...	Toyo Kisen Kaisha	Jan. 17, at Noon.
San F'cisco v. N'saki	China	China Mail Co., Ltd.	Jan. 21
Shanghai	Wingsang	Jardine M'son Co. Ltd.	Dec. 21, Daylight.
Shanghai	Shantung	Butterfield & Swire...	Dec. 14, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai	Yingchow	Butterfield & Swire...	Dec. 17, Daylight.
Shanghai	Chewan	Butterfield & Swire...	Dec. 19 at 4 p.m.
S'hai & Japan Ports	Somali	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 30, Dec.
S'hai & Japan Ports	Nyanza	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 1, Jan.
S'hai, Moji & Kobe.	Tetomi Maru ...	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 13.
S'pore, P'ang & Calc'a	Katsang	Jardine M'son Co. Ltd.	Dec. 16, at Noon.
S'pore, P'ang & R'goon	Tosa Maru ...	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 21.
S'tow, Amoy & F'chow	Fuhong	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Dec. 22, at 11 a.m.
Swatow	Haihong	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Dec. 19, at 10 a.m.
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Sydney, M'bourne &c.	Tango Maru ...	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 13, at Noon.
Sydney, M'bourne &c.	Nikko Maru ...	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Jan. 12, at 5 p.m.
V'ria B.C., Seattle &c	Tamba Maru ...	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 16, at Noon.
V'ria B.C., Seattle &c	Shidzuoka Maru ...	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Jan. 3, at Noon.
Victoria, Tacoma & Japan	Mexico Maru ...	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	Dec. 28, at 3 p.m.

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Hongkong, Dec. 13, 1916. 1323

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Credits, 60 days sight	——
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Wire	——
On demand	175
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On demand	175
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Thermometer	9 A.M.		65
Do.	1 P.M.		68
Do.	4 P.M.		68
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Do. (Wet bulb)	1 P.M.		62
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Per *Tjikembang*, at 11 a.m., on Thursday, the 14th Dec.

SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, *JAPAN Via *KOBE.
Per *Colombo Maru*, at 11 a.m., on Thursday, the 14th Dec.

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Per *Shantung*. Registration at 2.15 p.m. Letters at 3 p.m., on Thursday, the 14th Dec.
[Shanghai Chi. P.O., Monday, 18th Dec.]

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Per *Riojun Maru*, at 2 p.m., on Thursday, the 14th Dec.

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Per *Taksang*, at 5 p.m., on Thursday, the 14th Dec.

STRAITS.
Per *Haimun*, at 11 a.m., on Friday, the 15th Dec.

SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, JAPAN Via KOBE.
Per *Suwa Maru*, at 9 a.m., on Saturday, the 16th Dec.

STRAITS, BURMAH, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT & EUROPE.
Per *Nankin*. Registration at 10.15 a.m. Letters at 11 a.m., on Saturday, the 16th Dec.
The Parcel Mail will be closed on Friday, the 15th Dec., at 5 p.m.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.
Per *Loongsang*, at 2 p.m., on Saturday, the 16th Dec.

SHANGHAI & NORTH CHINA.
Per *Yingchow*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 16th Dec.

SWATOW.
Per *Hai Hong*, at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, the 19th Dec.

SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, JAPAN Via MOJI, *VICTORIA & *SEATTLE.
Per *Tamba Maru*, at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, the 19th Dec.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.
Per *Taming*, at 3 p.m., on Tuesday, the 19th Dec.

SHANGHAI & NORTH CHINA.
(Europe via Siberia).
Per *Chenan*. Registration at 2.15 p.m. Letters at 3 p.m., on Tuesday, the 19th Dec.
[Shanghai Chi. P.O. Saturday, 23rd Dec.]

SHANGHAI & NORTH CHINA.
(Europe via Siberia).
Per *Sinkiang*. Registration at 2.15 p.m. Letters at 3 p.m., on Thursday, the 21st Dec.
[Shanghai Chi. P.O., Monday, 25th Dec.]

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Per *Hai Hong*, at 11 a.m., on Friday, the 22nd Dec.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, NEW ZEALAND & NEW GUINEA Via THURSDAY ISLAND.
Per *Eastern*, at 9 a.m., on Monday, the 25th Dec.

STRAITS, *CEYLON, DELAGOA BAY, DURBAN, JOHANNESBURG, CAPE TOWN & *UNITED KINGDOM.
Per *Kamo Maru*. Registration at 9.15 a.m. Letters at 10 a.m., on Thursday, the 28th Dec.

SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, JAPAN Via NAGASAKI, VICTORIA, B.C., VANCOUVER, UNITED STATES, CENTRAL, SOUTH AMERICA & *UNITED KINGDOM Via CANADA.
(Europe via Siberia.)
Per *Empress of Russia*. Registration at 9.45 a.m. Letters at 10.30 a.m., on Thursday, the 28th Dec.
[Shanghai Chi. P.O., Saturday, 30th Dec.]

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ARRIVALS.

December 12.

Annan Maru, Japanese str., 1,820, H. Uyeda, Samarang Nov. 31, General.—O. S. K.

Chingchow, British steamer, 1,196, Jas. Doyle, Port Parseval Dec. 9, Lime Stone.—Shewan, Tomes & Co.

Kumakata Maru, Japanese str., 1,084, Ohara, Bangkok and Kohsichang Nov. 30, Rice.

Kwangtak, Chinese str., from Canton.

December 13.

Tamsui, British str., 919, McCulloch, Shanghai Dec. 8, and Swatow 12, General.—Butterfield & Swire.

Colombo Maru, Japanese str., 2,882, H. Nomura, Calcutta Nov. 18, and Singapore Dec. 3, General.—N. Y. K.

Kaijo Maru, Japeanes str., 1,126, K. Egawa, Swatow Dec. 12, General.—O. S. K.

Eurymedon, British str., 3,361, A. S. Graham, Singapore Dec. 4, General.—Butterfield & Swire.

Tenyo Maru, Japanese str., 6,283, H. S. Smith, San Francisco and Manila Dec. 10, Mails and General.—T. K. K.

Shantung, British str., from Canton.

DEPARTURES.

December 13.

Siberia Maru, for Shanghai and San Francisco.
Choysang, for Swatow and Shanghai.
Nanyo Maru, for Moji.
Daiya Maru, for Karatsu.
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Taihei Maru, for Dairen.

PASSENGERS.

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Per *Tamsui*, from Shanghai, &c., Mr Crossam.

DEPARTED.

Per *Tango Maru*, for Australia, Mr and Mrs Price, Mr and Mrs Nathan, Miss B. S. F. Goode, Miss J. H. Chisholm, Miss J. K. Chisholm, Mr W. G. Goggin, C. E. Solomon, Miss Bernito, Mrs and Miss Young, Mr Pelton, Mr J. Robinson, Mrs Laing and 3 children, Mrs D. C. Reyes, Mr and Mrs Brown, Miss Brown, Mr K. Sahara, Mrs and Master Boyd, Mr and Mrs Gardner, Sister Melanie, Sister Anna Philomere, Sister Suzanne Marie, Sister Remy, Mr J. A. Rupert, Mr B. A. Wilson, Mr Greuter, Rev. Father Noval, Mr and Mrs J. B. MacGlahan, Ms and Mrs Ward, Miss Ward, Mr C. A. Sexton, Mr W. G. Dudfield, Mr H. Wakabayashi, Mr S. Matsumura, Mr L. C. Coleman, Lieut. Jas. E. Viant, Mr P. D. Southerland, Mr J. Wallace, Miss Matsumoto, Miss Saunders, Messrs C. Araki, A. Gomez, Tsumoto, S. Sarrabbo, Pablo Pueblo, T. Kawaguchi.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Eurymedon* from Singapore reports: Strong monsoon, high seas all the way.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

Other Vessels.

The s.s. *Japan* left Calcutta on the 3rd December, and may be expected here on or about the 21st December.

The Pacific Mail Co.'s s.s. *Colombia* will leave San Francisco for Hongkong on March 10th, via Honolulu and Japan Ports.

Latest Advices.

The Pacific Mail Co.'s s.s. *Ecuador* left Yokohama on 12th inst. for Hongkong via Kobe, Shanghai and Manila and is expected to arrive here on 23rd inst.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s s.s. *Nankin* left Shanghai for this port on the 12th instant at 12.30 p.m. with the homeward English Mails, and is due here on the 15th instant at about 9 a.m.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s s.s. *Nore* which left Hongkong on 3rd November last, arrived at Marseilles on Saturday, the 9th instant.

PASSENGERS EXPECTED.

Per N. Y. K. s.s. *Suwa Maru*. From London, Oct. 26, Mrs F. O. Greig, Mrs L. M. Murray and child, Rev. and Mrs E. A. Preston, Miss N. Wheeler, Miss Mackintosh, Miss Gilchrist, Mr and Mrs Ritchie, Miss Ritchie, Miss A. H. Megitt, Dr and Mrs Evan Jones, Mrs G. Gordan and 2 children, Mr and Mrs A. C. Little, Mr S. La Ferreira, Mr and Mrs G. P. Aquino and child, Miss E. B. Woodhouse, Miss G. M. Rees, Mrs H. C. G. Alston and Miss Alston, Mr and Mrs E. Baumann, Miss W. M. Thring, Miss E. F. Cardus, Rev. A. P. Cullen, Sister A. Shackleton, Miss M. Campbell, Rev. and Mrs J. McWhister and 3 children, Miss L. Meadows, Mr and Mrs W. H. Warren and 2 children, Miss E. Culverwell, Miss H. M. Kingston, Miss D. Heal, Rev. E. A. Hamilton, Mrs G. Pollard, Rev. and Mrs E. Rowland and 2 children, Mrs J. W. Jackson and 2 children, Miss H. Duncan, Miss C. Durward, Miss Box, Mrs E. Box, Mr Terrill and 2 children, Mrs Lees.

Per P. & O. s.s. *Kaiser-I-Hind*. From London, Oct. 13, Mr W. J. Crawford, Mr Griffit.

Per P. & O. s.s. *Mooltan*. From London Oct. 27, Miss Jones, Miss Winter, Mr Somerville.

Per P. & O. s.s. *Kashgar*. From London Nov. 10, Mr and Mrs Avenall and child.

Per N. Y. K. s.s. *Atsuta Maru*. From London, Mr and Mrs W. L. Leask and two children, Mr E. Halliday and child, Miss Starckey, Mrs Sanders and child, Mr J. P. Chambers, Mr A. Forbes, Mr A. D. Low.

Per P. & O. s.s. *Arabia*. From London, Dec. 3, Miss Aria, Mr Dalby.

Per N.Y.K. s.s. *Iyo Maru*. From London, Mrs Koch.

Per N.Y.K. s.s. *Miyazaki Maru*. From London, Mr and Mrs Oliphant.

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 13th at 11.30—Pressure has increased considerably over Japan, the anticyclone having moved eastward. It is now central over S.W. Japan.

Pressure has decreased slightly along the east coast of China and increased slightly over the Visayas. It is nearly stationary elsewhere.

The depression to the east of the Visayas has not developed.

The monsoon is interrupted to the north of Amoy. It will remain fresh to moderate over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 14th December:—

1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock: E. winds, fresh to moderate; fine.

2.—Formosa Channel: N.E. winds, fresh.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks: The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: The same as No 1.

OFFICIAL NIGHT IN DECEMBER.

The following table shows the Standard Time at which Official Night ends and begins during the month of December, 1916:—

Date.	Ends.	Begins.
Dec. 13th,	6.43 a.m.	5.52 p.m.
„ 14th,	6.43 „	5.52 „
„ 15th,	6.43 „	5.53 „
„ 16th,	6.43 „	5.53 „
„ 17th,	6.43 „	5.53 „
„ 18th,	6.44 „	5.54 „
„ 19th,	6.44 „	5.54 „
„ 20th,	6.45 „	5.55 „
„ 21st,	6.45 „	5.55 „
„ 22nd,	6.46 „	5.56 „
„ 23rd,	6.46 „	5.56 „
„ 24th,	6.47 „	5.57 „
„ 25th,	6.48 „	5.58 „
„ 26th,	6.48 „	5.58 „
„ 27th,	6.48 „	5.58 „
„ 28th,	6.49 „	5.59 „
„ 29th,	6.49 „	5.59 „
„ 30th,	6.50 „	6.00 „
„ 31st,	6.50 „	6.00 „

ROYAL OBSERVATORY, HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

DECEMBER 13, 1916.—a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind Direction.	Wind Force.	Weather.
W'ostock	6 a.	——	——	——	——	——	——
Nemuro	5 a.	30.04	—	—	WSW	1	—
Hakodate	„	30.13	—	—	WSW	3	—
Tokio	„	30.32	—	—	W	1	—
Kochi	„	30.37	—	—	NW	1	—
Nagasaki	„	30.35	—	—	E	1	—
Kagoshima	„	30.33	—	—	NW	1	—
Oshima	„	30.28	—	—	E	1	—
Naha	„	30.19	—	—	E	2	—
Ishi'jima	„	30.13	—	—	ENE	3	—
Bonin Island	„	30.20	—	—	N	1	—
Chefoo	6 a.	——	——	——	——	——	——
Weihaiwei	„	30.25	44	76	SE	4	rf
Hankow	„	——	——	——	——	——	——
Ichang	„	——	——	——	——	——	——
Kiukiang	„	——	——	——	——	——	——
Changsha	„	——	——	——	——	——	——
Shanghai	„	30.24	43	100	ESE	1	h
Tatsiaff	„	30.20	54	80	SSE	4	c
Sharp Pk	„	30.04	60	82	W	1	c
Amoy	9 a.	30.09	58	81	W	2	b
Swatow	6 a.	30.12	52	93	N	1	b
Taihoku	5 a.	30.05	53	84	E	2	b
Taichu	„	30.04	55	—	—	0	b
Tainan	„	30.01	59	—	—	0	b
Koshun	„	29.99	70	—	NE	8	b
Pescadores	„	30.04	63	—	NNW	6	c
Canton	6 a.	30.13	52	93	NE	1	c
Hongkong	„	30.06	63	78	E	4	b
Gap Rock	„	30.06	—	—	ENE	5	b
Macao	„	30.06	57	89	NNE	1	c
Wuchow	9 a.	——	——	——	——	——	——
Pakhoi	„	——	——	——	——	——	——
Hoihow	„	——	——	——	——	——	——
Phulien	6 a.	30.04	61	85	ENE	4	b
Tourane	„	29.94	66	—	NW	4	of
C. St. James	„	29.78	72	—	ENE	4	b
Aparri	„	29.88	73	96	E	1	r
Dagupan	„	29.76	72	94	SE	1	b
Manila	„	29.80	72	92	NE	1	c
Legaspi	„	29.76	77	91	N	0	b
Tacloban	„	29.74	75	96	—	2	r
Iloilo	„	29.73	73	91	N	4	c
Surigao	„	——	——	——	——	——	——
Labuan	„	29.71	78	94	SW	2	b

T. F. Claxton, *Director.*

Hongkong Observatory, Dec. 13, 1916.

1. Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit, on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2. Temperature, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.

3. Humidity, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4. Direction of Wind, to two points.

5. Force of Wind, according to Beaufort Scale.

6. State of Weather, b blue sky, c detached cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, l lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q squal, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew (wet).

7. Rain in inches, tenths and hundredths.

HONGKONG REGISTER.

	Previous day at 2 p.m.	On date at 9 a.m.	On date at 2 p.m.
Barometer	30.11	30.14	30.06
Temperature	63	62	71
Humidity	62	78	57
Direction of Wind	E	E	W
Force	4	4	2
Weather	b	b	b
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest upon all thermometers on the 12th 4 p.m. Lowest upon the temperatures on the 13th 6 a.m.

T. F. Claxton, *Director.*

Hongkong Observatory, Dec. 13, 1916.

SHARE REPORT.

DECEMBER 13TH, 1916.

Stock and paid up Value.	Q'tions 11.30 A.M.	Last Dividend and date.	Return based on last years div.
BANKS.			
Hongkong & S'hai $125	$730	£2.5 interim	6½ p.c.
MARINE INSURANCES.			
Cantons $ 50	$400	$7 final s/c 1914 and Interim of $15 s/c 1915.	6½ p.c.
North Chinas £5	T. 152	Final div. of 15% making 27½% s/c 1916	
Unions $100	$925	Final of $20 and bonus $10 s/c 1914. Interim of $30 s/c 1915	
Yangtszes $ 50	$255	Final of $15 making $18 for 1914 and int. of $8 on account 1915	6½ p.c.
FIRE INSURANCES.			6 p.c.
China Fires $ 20	$155 nom.	$7 and bonus $3 for 1914.	
Hongkong Fires $ 50	$375	$25 for 1914	5% p.c. 7 p.c.
SHIPPING.			
Douglas Steamships $50	$121 s.	$4 final and $8 bonus, making $14 s/c 1915-16	11½ p.c.
Steamboats $ 15	$21½ s.	$1 for 1915	4½ p.c.
Indo-Chinas:—			
(Preferred) £5	$46½ b.	6/- for 1915	
(Deferred) £5	$14½ b.	10/- Bonus	6 p.c.
		6/- for 1915	6½ p.c.
		9/- s/c 1915 Coupon 25.	
"Shell" Transports £1	104/-	5/- s/c 1915 Coupon 26	7 p.c.
"Star Ferry" $ 10	$38 s.	$1.65 dividend 45 cents Bonus for year ending 30.4.16	5% p.a.
REFINERIES.			
China Sug.rs $100	$128 b. & sa.	$12 for 1916	10½ p.a.
Malabon Sugars P. 30	$37 b.	$5 for 1915	
MINING.			
Kailans £1	36/-	1/- s/c 1915/16, Coupons No.	
Langkats gdrs. 10	T. 21 b.	Tls. 1 for 1916	4½ p.c.
Raubs £1	$2½		
Tronoh Mines £1	30/-	3/- s/c 1916	
Ural Caspians £1	32/9	2% for 1915	
DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.			
Kowloon Wharves $ 50	$34 b. 34½ sa.	$3½ for 1915	9 p.c.
H.K. & Whampoa Docks $ 50	$131 b.	$5 for 1915	3½ p.c.
Shanghai Docks T. 100	T. 90 b.	Tls. 7½ for year ending 30.4.16	8½ p.c.
Hongkew Wharfs T. 100	T. 85	Tls. 3 for 1915	3½ p.c.
HOTELS' LANDS AND BUILDINGS			
Hongkong Hotels $)	$115	$3 s/c. half year 30-6-16.	4½ p.c.
Central Estates $100	$101 b.	$7 s/c 1915	7 p.c.
Hongkong Lands $100	$97	Interim div. of $3½	7 p.c.
Humphreys Estates $ 10	$6.90 b.	32 cents for 1915	8% p.c.
Kowloon Lands $ 30	$35 a.	$2½ for 1915	6 p.c.
West Points $ 50	$35 a.	Interim of $2	4% p.c.
Shanghai Lands T. 50	1.92	6% interim s/c 1916	6½ p.c.
COTTON MILLS.			
Ewos T. 50	T. 157½ b.	Tls. 16 for year ending 31-10-16	10½ p.c.
Shanghai Cottons T. 50	T. 120 b. & sa.	Tls. 6 div. s/c year ended 30-6-16.	5 per.
Kung Yik T. 10	T. 15 b. & sa.	Tls. 1½ for 1915	10% p.c.
Yangtszepoos T. 5	T. 6		
MISCELLANEOUS.			
China-Borneos $ 12	$3½	72 cts. for 1915	5½ p.c.
Light & Powers $ 5	$4½ b.	6 p.c. for year ending 28-2-16	
China-Providents $ 10	$8.85 b.	70 cents for 1915	7½ p.c.
Dairy Farms $ 6	$23½	$3 for year ending 31-7-16	6½ p.c.
Green Islands $ 10	$11.80 s.	60 cents for 1915	6 p.c.
Hongkong Electrics $ 10	$53	$2½ for 1915/1916	4 p.c.
Hongkong Ices $ 25	$160	$2 on s/c 1916	1 p.c.
Hongkong Hopes $ 10	$34½	$1 interim 1916	2½ p.c.
Hongkong Tramways $/-	$7	7% interim s/c 1916 cents 18¼ per share	7 p.c.
H.K. Steel Foundry $	$92		
Morning Posts $ 25	$28	$2 for 1915	
Peak Tramways $ 10	$10 b.	7% for 1915/1916	7½ p.c.
do. (new) $ 1	$1 b.		
Steam Laundry $ 5	$3½ b.	25 cents for 1915/1916	6½ p.c.
Union Waterboats $ 10	$17	$1 for 1915	5½ p.c.
Watsons $ 10	$6½ b.	70 cents for 1915	10 p.c.
William Powell $ 7	$6.40 b. 6.45 a.	60 cents for 1913/1914	

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